

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Office Action mailed on January 18, 2005. Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2 and 4-15 are currently pending in this application, with claims 1 and 10 being independent. *No new matter has been added.*

Rejection of the claims

The Office Action indicates that claims 3-4 and 8-9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Appreciation is expressed for the indication that claims 3-4 and 8-9 contain allowable subject matter. Accordingly, the features of claim 1 have been incorporated into independent claim 1 to form amended claim 1, along with amending claim 4 to depend from claim 1 and canceling claim 3. Claims 2 and 4-8 are dependent upon amended claim 1 and claim 9 is dependent upon claim 8.

In addition, claim 8 as been rewritten in independent form as newly added claim 10 while the features found within claims 2, 5-7 and 9 are presented as newly added claims 11-15. Claims 11-15 are dependent upon newly added claim 10.

Allowance of amended claims 1-2 and 4-15 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753 or the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

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Respectfully submitted,

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